Secretaries of all States/UTs to discuss the problem of Dengue was held on 24th October, 1996 under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary in New Delhi and subsequently in the Fifth Conference of Central Council for Health and Family Welfare held in New Delhi from 8—10 January, 1997 under the Chairmanship of former Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, this subject was also discussed with State Health Minister, senior officers of State Government and other experts. Apart from these, the Directorate of National Institute of Communicable Diseases organised two meetings in April, 1997 for the State Government officials of the Southern and Northern States in Bangalore and Delhi respectively to discuss various aspects of Dengue including surveillance and reporting of such cases.

(d) Does not arise.

Epileptic and Goitre Patients in the Country

997. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total number of epileptic patients and those suffering from goitre in the country during the last three years, separately, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AMD FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): The year-wise number of patients suffering from epilepsy and goitre is not available. However, it is estimated that there are approximately 8 million epileptic patients in the country at present with the prevalence rate estimated to be 5—10 patients per thousand of population.

In repsect of goitre, a statement showing State/U.T. wise estimated number of persons suffering from Goitre is enclosed.

Statement

Estimated number of persons suffering from goitre in States/UTs.*

Sl. No.	State/UT	Estimated number of persons filtering from Goitre (Million)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.168
2.	Assam	1.168
3.	Goa	0.275
4.	Himachal Pradesh	1.124
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	1.124
6.	Manipur	0.367
7.	Meghalaya	0.062
8.	Mizoram	0.338
9.	Nagaland	0.119
10.	Sikkim	0.117
11.	Tripura	0.348
12.	Chandigarh (UT)	0.111
13.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.022
14.	Daman & Diu	0.009
15	Delhi	1.710
16.	Andhra Pradesh	6.210
17,	Bihar	8.807
18.	Gujarat	4.600
19,	Haryana-	0.574
20.	Karnataka	4.468
21.	Kerala	1.66
22.	Madhava Pradesh	8.67
23	Maharashtra	7.95
24.	Orissa	0.992
25.	Punjab	1.488
26.	Rajasthan	0.753
27.	Tamilnadu	0.815
28.	Uttar Pradesh	15.225
29.	West Bengal	2.070
30,	A&N Islands	
31.	Lakshadweep Survey	not conducted
32.	Pondicherry	
		70.653

*These estimates arc based on surveys conducted in 275 Districts.

Review of anti-AIDS scheme

998. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to review the anti-AIDS schemes to make a better job of preventing transmission of the dreaded disease;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;